



## Dr. Troy E. Meink

Principal Deputy Director, NRO

(U) Dr. Troy E. Meink was appointed Principal Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office (PDDNRO) on 5 October, 2020. As the PDDNRO he provides overall day-to-day management of the NRO, with decision responsibility as delegated by the Director, NRO (DNRO). In the absence of the DNRO, he acts on the Director's behalf on all matters.

(U) Dr. Meink is from Lemmon, South Dakota and entered the Air Force in 1988 through the ROTC program at South Dakota State University. His assignments have included operations and training, systems engineering, research and development, and program management of major defense acquisition programs. Dr. Meink began his career as a KC-135 Tanker Navigator and Instructor and then a lead test engineer for the design and evaluation of ballistic missile test vehicles for the Missile Defense Agency. As an Air Force Civilian, he managed multiple next generation joint research and development programs transitioning global space capabilities, optical sensors, and advanced structures. He subsequently led development for the Military Satellite Communications Joint Program Office and served as program director for the Transformational Satellite Communications System. He was Director, Communications Directorate, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense/Networks and Information Integration, and the Director, Signal Intelligence Systems Acquisition, National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). Dr. Meink left the NRO for a time when he was assigned to the Department of the Air Force as the Undersecretary of the Air Force for Space and the Director, Executive Agent for Space Staff in Washington, D. C. Dr. Meink then served as the Assistant Director of National Intelligence for Systems and Resource Analyses. His previous assignment was as Director, Geospatial Intelligence Systems Acquisition (GEOINT) at the NRO, starting in April 2017. In that capacity, Dr. Meink was responsible for the successful execution of all national geospatial intelligence satellite systems acquisitions within the NRO with a budget of more than \$15 billion.

### (U) CAREER CHRONOLOGY

August 1988 – September 1993 US Air Force Navigator and Instructor Navigator, Grissom AFB, IN.  
June 1994 – March 1998 Flight Test Engineer & Deputy Program Manager (USAF Reserve), National Air Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH.  
August 1994 – November 2002 Program Manager and Senior Research Engineer, Air Force Research Laboratory, Kirtland AFB, NM.  
February 2001 – March 2002 Chief Technical Advisor, Space Vehicles Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Kirtland AFB, NM.  
March 2002 – June 2003 Director, Military Satellite Communications Innovations Center, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, CA.  
June 2003 – January 2006 Program Director, Transformational Satellite Communications Systems, Military Satellite Communications Joint Program Office, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, CA.  
January 2006 – November 2008 Director, Communications Directorate, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense/Networks and Information Integration, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.  
November 2008 – October 2013 Director, Signals Intelligence Systems Acquisition, National Reconnaissance Office, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Space, Chantilly, VA  
November 2013 – June 2014 Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force for Space and the Director, Executive Agent for Space Staff, Washington, D. C.



June 2014 – May 2017 Assistant Director of National Intelligence for Systems and Resource Analyses, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Mclean, VA  
May 2017 – October 2020 Director, Geospatial Intelligence Systems Acquisition (GEOINT) at the National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, VA

(U) AWARDS AND HONORS NASA

Distinguished Presidential Rank Award

Meritorious Presidential Rank Award

Stellar Award for Space Achievement AFRL Space Vehicles Directorate Scientist and Engineer Award

AFRL Space Vehicles Directorate Special Act or Service Award AFMC Science and Technology

Achievement Award Department of the Air Force Invention Award AFRL Space Vehicles Directorate

Team of the Year AFRL Space Vehicles Directorate Team of the Quarter Air Force Association Theodore

Von Karman Award Nominee Air Force Association Vern Orr Award Nominee Associate Fellow,

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics AFSPC John J. Welch, Jr. Award USAF Agile

Acquisition Transformational Leadership Award

(U) EDUCATION

1988 Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering, South Dakota State University

1989 Distinguished graduate, US Air Force Undergraduate Navigator Training

1992 US Air Force Instructor Navigator Training

1995 Master of Science degree in aeronautical and astronautical engineering, The Ohio State University

1999 Doctor of Philosophy in aeronautical and astronautical engineering, The Ohio State University